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Our First.

When this magazine is placed in your hands, the new staff will have completed its first attempt at publication. An architect has tried her hand at a new kind of column, electricals have generated power and made contact with the activities in the college, a general engineer has introduced efficiency in the selling end, and civils have done their best to line up material and advertising. It has meant the devotion of no small amount of time and effort to bring this forth, but we believe that the College has need of an Engineering magazine, and we gladly give our time and labor that it may be a success. It is our hope that the result may be worthy of the school whose name it bears.

A large measure of thanks is due all those who have contributed to this issue. Their cordial and enthusiastic cooperation have made the magazine possible, and we are indeed grateful for their hearty support.

Something we have never seen printed in the "Engineer" before is an article intended primarily for Freshmen, "Choosing a Vocation," by Prof. Morris. This is the very problem a great many Freshmen are facing this Spring. It will, however, be of interest and benefit to upper-classmen as well. Miss Harbarger's article on the Senior course in English places before Juniors just what they may expect to gain from that course. A number of Juniors have expressed a desire to know more about it. Space does not permit taking up each article in turn, but we believe each one will be of general interest to all Engineering students as well of special interest to those who are working along that line. None of the material is "too technical," but rather it has been attempted to present technical information in simple, straightforward English.

Take An Inventory.

This school year is nearly over, but next year is before us. Why would it not be wise to stop for a few moments to make an inventory of the "stock" we have been accumulating all year? Perhaps we have overstocked with some things, and perhaps we have quite neglected other lines. In either case we are not getting the maximum good from the college course.

What are the things we should have been getting? First of all, an Engineering student should acquire as much technical information as he can. During the summer months and after graduation, it is this technical information he will try to sell, and, obviously, the better the stock the better the sales. Those who merely hope to "get by" will find themselves handicapped later, and will perhaps see opportunity slipping past.

Other things suggest themselves quickly. *Friendship.* The man who neglects his friends and won't stop to make new ones is missing much that makes life worth living. We should be developing our ability to make and to hold friends.

And character. As the gray matter increases, so also should character strengthen and unfold, and unless character development keeps pace with the mental, an education will work injury rather than good. *Pleasure.* Surely life was not meant to be passed through with a long face, and pleasure has some claims on our time. *Our own particular abilities.* Fortunate is the man who finds himself while he is in college. And then besides these things we have mentioned so briefly, we ought to be getting a broader vision of life and our place in society; we ought to be learning to think, faster and more accurately; we ought to learn how to acquire information more efficiently.

Perhaps, when we stop to think, we have not done all these things; perhaps we have neglected one for the other. Next year is before us. If they are worth while let's try to strike a better balance.

The A. A. E.

Previous issues of the "Ohio State Engineer" have had much to say about the organization of the Student Branch of the American Association of Engineers, nor will the "Engineer" be satisfied until a strong and active organization is developed here. This Association has for its object the raising of the standards and ethics of the profession and the "betterment of the economic welfare of the engineer." An illustration is afforded in the promotion by the Association of registration of engineers—a thing which will be readily seen to be of great benefit to society as well as protection for engineers of ability.

The formation of a Student Branch offers to the Engineering student an opportunity which he cannot afford to pass by. We quote here from H. C. Pepper, who is at the head of organization at Ohio State: "Students can benefit in many ways by affiliating with this organization. Nearly all engineers who hold responsible or executive positions are members of the A. E. E. When these men look for young engineers, they seek men who have qualified to become members of their organization. For this purpose, a sort of a national clearing house, with headquarters in Chicago, has been established, where requests for men are tabulated and sent out to members of the A. A. E."

"All Engineering students are qualified to become student members, with full rights and privileges of certified members. This affords lower classmen an opportunity to affiliate and come in contact with upper classmen and successful engineers, as well. During a recent trip through the east, the writer became more than ever aware of the prestige and strength of the organization, and he urges that Juniors and Seniors avail themselves of the opportunity. After graduation, an entrance fee of \$20.00 is required, but this is not required of students. Later they may transfer to other degrees of membership without charge."

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Strong chapters have been formed at most of the large colleges and universities in the country, and Ohio State engineers must not lag behind in this. Attend the next meeting and get yourself interested. Information can be obtained from H. C. Pepper.

Seniors.

It is only a short time now until you will be leaving the University to take a place among active workers in the world. Your college career will be behind you and you will carry forth what you have gained from it. As you have worked, studied, and developed, so, now, in proportion, you will go forth with your wits keener, your mental processes quickened, and many mental tools added to your equipment. You will enter a different kind of life. There will be those who think less of you for your college education, and there will be some who place more confidence in you by reason of it, but your success will depend largely upon the qualities in you. We believe the University has given you the "stuff" to win out, or else we would not follow in your footsteps. We envy and congratulate you. To each one we wish the highest possible success.

College will be behind you, but the memory of it will doubtless be one of your most pleasant recollections. We hope that Ohio State will always have a little corner in your heart. The "Engineer" offers an excellent means to keep up a connection with the college, for through it you can get news and "done" from the college, and learn about your old friends—where they are and what they are doing. Subscribe for it by the year. But whether you subscribe or not, don't forget that we want to hear from you once in a while. Tell us about yourself and about other alumni you meet. We will gladly pass the information along.